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A ſhort STATE of the *Society* in *Scotland* for propagating *Chriſtian Knowledge*, Anno 1732.

THERE having been formerly printed once and again, An account of the riſe, conſtitution and management of the Society in *Scotland* for propagating Chriſtian Knowledge, with the royal letters patent, erecting this Society; Alſo in the Year 1729, a ſtate thereof; likewiſe liſts of the charity ſchools maintained by them, copies of the commiſſions, rules and directions given to the ſchool-maſters, commiſſions to viſitors of theſe ſchools, and to correſpondents at *London*, which may be yet had at the ſhop of *William Brown* and other bookſellers in *Edinburgh*: It is not needful now to reprint the ſame; all that is deſign'd by this is only to ſhew, that the foreſaid Society does continue to carry on the deſign of their inſtitution, and (bleſſed be God) with good ſucceſs; and that charitable chriſtians may know who are intruſted in this matter, the names of the preſent members of this Society appointed to meet at *Edinburgh* are here inſert, and theſe who have an aſtrism * before their names, are of the committee of directors for this year, and theſe who have an aſtriſm * after their names, are ſuch as do not preſently reſide in *Scotland*.

A List of the Members of this Society March 1732, *the Nobility and Lords of Session first, according to their Precedency, under each Letter, then such as are alive of the first Nomination, conform to the Order of the Alphabet, and next, those who have been assumed since, as they were elected.*

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The

The Society's Schools in Scotland *are in* March 1732, *as follows*, viz.

1. AT Clachanmore *in Pariſh of* Southuiſt *and Presbytery of* Long Iſland, Alexander Macleod *Maſter*, *Scholars*, 31 *Boys* 7 *Girls.*
2. Bara *an Iſland in* Southuiſt *Pariſh*, *a School is lately ſettled but no report therefrom as yet.*
3. Balnakile *in the Pariſh of* Uig, Alexander Roſs *Maſter*, *Scholars*, 26 *Boys* 9 *Girls.*
4. Northuiſt, Allan M'Lean *Maſter*, *no report this Year.*
5. Borbh *in the Pariſh of* Harris, John Macclean *Maſter*, *Scholars* 17 *Boys* 12 *Girls.*
6. Mingineſs *in Pariſh of* Braccadale *and Presbytery of* Skye, Alexander M'Leod *Maſter*, *Scholars*, 18 *Bo s* 7 *Girls.*
7. Erlesbeg *in Pariſh of* Snizort, *ſame Presbytery*, *Mr.* Donald Macclean *Maſter*, *Scholars* 18 *Boys* 8 *Girls.*
8. Rum *an Iſland in the Pariſh of* Egg, *ſame Presbytery*, Allan Macclean *Maſter*, *Scholars* 10 *Boys* 4 *Girls.*
9. Muck *in ſame Pariſh and Presbytery*, Angus Macleod *Maſter*, *Scholars*, 14 *Boys* 2 *Girls.*
10. Egg *in ditto Pariſh and Presbytery*, John Stewart *Maſter*, 10 *Boys* 8 *Girls.*
11. Killichuiman *in the Pariſh of* Bolleskine *and Preſbytery* Abertarff, James Anderſon *Maſter*, 30 *Boys* 11 *Girls.*
12. Glenſhiero *in Pariſh of* Lagan *and ſame Presbytery* Kenneth Bethun *Maſter*, 21 *Boys* 6 *Girls.*

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13. Urchart *in Pariſh of* Glenmoriſon *and ſaid Preſbytery*, Henry Urchart *Maſter*, 57 *Boys* 13 *Girls.*
14. St. Richards *in ſaid Pariſh*, Alexander Dallas *Maſter*, 29 *Boys* 1 *Girl.*
15. Locharcaig *in Pariſh of* Kilmalie *and ſaid Preſbytery*, Peter King *Maſter*, 13 *Boys* 5 *Girls*
16. Bunlaoi *in ſame Pariſh*, Mr. Roderick M'Lennan *Maſter*, 13 *Boys* 4 *Girls.*
17. Maryburgh *in ſame Pariſh* Mr. John M'Bean *Maſter*, 71 *Boys* 14 *Girls.*
18. Tomnacharigh *in Pariſh of* Kilmanivaig *and ſaid Presbytery*, Alexander Cameron *Maſter*, 15 *Boys* 7 *Girls.*
19. Glenroy *in ſaid Pariſh*, Mr. John Fraſer *Maſter*, 25 *Boys* 3 *Girls.*
20. Glenſpean *in foreſaid Pariſh*, James Thomſon *Maſter*, 16 *Boys* 4 *Girls*,
21. Gairloch, a *Pariſh in the Presbytery of* Gairloch, Roderick M'Kenzie *Maſter*, *Scholars* ——
22. Lochcaron, *a Pariſh in that Presbytery*, Duncan M'Nab *Maſter*, 16 *Boys* 2 *Girls.*
23. Glenelg, *a Pariſh in the ſame Presbytery*, Norman M'Leod *Maſter*, 35 *Boys* 14 *Girls.*
24. Glenſheil, *in the ſaid Presbytery*, Evan MacLean *Maſter*, *Scholars* ——
25. Glenco, *in Pariſh of* Liſmore, Charles M'Arthur *Maſter*, 20 *Boys* 2 *Girls.*
26. Kilfinchen, *a Pariſh in the Presbytery of* Mull, Iver Campbel *Maſter*, 29 *Boys* 3 *Girls.*
27. Bellfuil *in Pariſh of* Tirree *and* Coll, Mr. James Steuart *Maſter*, 31 *Boys* 6 *Girls.*
28. Morvern, *a Pariſh in the ſaid Presbytery*, Mr. John Campbel *Maſter*, 28 *Boys* 7 *Girls.*
29. Strontian *in Pariſh of* Ardnamurchan *and ſaid Presbytery*, John Anderſon *Maſter*, 38 *Boys* 15 *Girls.*

30. Kilninian, *a Parish in the ſaid Presbytery*, Lauchlan M'Lean *Maſter*, *Scholars* 51.

31. Collonſay, *an Iſland in the Presbytery of* Kintyre, James Muir *Maſter*, 16 *Boys* 1 *Girl.*

32. Sallachy *in Parish of* Buchanan *and Presbytery of* Dumbarton, George Moir *Maſter*, 35 *Boys* 17 *Girls.*

33 Gartinſtarry *in Parish of* Drymen *and ſame Presbytery*, William Crawford *Maſter*, 57 *Boys* 5 *Girls.*

34 Dumfin *in Parish of* Luſs *and foreſaid Presbytery*, Archibald M'Walter *Maſter*, 17 *Boys* 14 *Girls.*

35 Gartmore *in Parish of* Port *and Presbytery of* Dumblane, John Dove *Maſter*, 37 *Boys* 7 *Girls.*

36 Bridge *of* Kelty, *in Parish of* Callendar *and ſaid Presbytery*, George Brown *Maſter*, 47 *Boys* 16 *Girls.*

37. Strathgartney *in ſaid Parish*, John Campbel *Maſter*, 21 *Boys* 5 *Girls.*

38. Loch-earn-head *in Parish of* Balquhidder *in foreſaid Presbytery*, James M'Callum *Maſter*, *Scholars* 42.

39. Loch-earn-ſide *in Parish of* Comrie *and Presbytery of* Auchterarder, James Drummond *Junior Maſter*, 38 *Boys* 19 *Girls.*

40. Glenartney *in ſaid Parish*, Hugh Cameron *Maſter*, 29 *Boys* 8 *Girls.*

41. Glenlednock *in ſame Parish*, James Drummond *Maſter*. 31 *Boys* 19 *Girls.*

42. Glenalmond *in Parish of* Monzie *and foreſaid Presbytery*, Duncan Drummond *Maſter*, 19 *Boys* 5 *Girls.*

43. Culmulin *in* Ranoch *in Parish of* Fortingal *and Presbytery of* Dunkeld, Mr. John Menzies *Master*, 53 *Boys* 7 *Girls.*

44. Au-

44. Aulich *in ſaid Parish and Presbytery*, Hugh Cameron *Maſter*, 12 *Boys* 3 *Girls.*

45. Trochry *in* Strathbrand, *Parish of* Little Dunkeld *and foreſaid Presbytery*, George Park *Maſter*, 57 *Boys* 24 *Girls.*

46. Strowan *in Pariſh of* Blair Atholl *and foreſaid Presbytery*, Donald Robertſon *Maſter*, 37 *Boys* 7 *Girls.*

47. Foſs *in the Pariſh of* Dull *and ſaid Presbytery* John Forbes *Maſter*, 39 *Boys* 14 *Girls.*

48. Andeonaig *in Pariſh of* Killin *and ſame Presbytery*, Duncan Wright *Maſter*, 50 *Boys* 7 *Girls.*

49. Glenquaich *in Pariſhes of* Kenmore, Dull *and* Weem, *and foreſaid Presbytery*, Charles M'Hardie *Maſter*, 54 *Boys* 12 *Girls.*

50. Lawrs *in Parish of* Kenmore, *in ſame Presbytery*, John M'Intyre *Maſter*, 67 *Boys* 13 *Girls.*

51. Ballatrach *in Parish of* Glenmuck *and Presbytery of* Kincardinoniel, Mr. Andrew Rule *Maſter*, 51 *Boys* 24 *Girls.*

52. Inverchanlik *in Parish of* Brae-mar *and ſame Presbytery*, Alexander Farquharſon *Maſter*, 54 *Boys* 7 *Girls.*

53. Grayſtone *of* Micras *in the Parish of* Tullich *and ſaid Presbytery*, John Taſtard *Maſter*, 37 *Boys* 11 *Girls.*

54. Altanlargue *in* Corgraff *in Parish of* Strathdon *and Presbytery of* Alford, Mr. John Young *Maſter*, *Scholars* 61.

55. Broadley *in Parish of* Rathven *and Presbytery of* Fordyce, Mr. William Symon *Maſter*, 40 *Boys* 19 *Girls.*

56. Kinnore *in the Parish of* Huntly *and Presbytery of* Straboge, Alexander Slorach *Maſter*, 22 *Boys* 15 *Girls.*

57 Ruthven *in the Pariſh of* Cairney *and* Botary *and ſame Presbytery*, Mr. Robert Gordon *Maſter*, 21 *Boys* 4 *Girls.*

58. Crofts *of* Minmore *in Parish of* Kirkmichael *and Presbytery of* Aberlour, John Blair *Maſter*, 28 *Boys* 18 *Girls.*

59. Glenrinneſs *in ſaid Parish and Presbytery*, Robert Duff *Maſter*, 37 *Boys* 13 *Girls.*

60. Camdelmore *in that Parish*, Peter Conſtable *Maſter*, 73 *Boys* 20 *Girls.*

61. Muckcrach *in the Pariſh and Presbytery of* Abernethy, Grigor Nicolſon *Maſter*, 10 *Boys* 6 *Girls.*

62. Dunachton *in the Pariſh of* Alvie *and ſame Presbytery*, Thomas Donaldſon *Maſter*, 51 *Boys* 6 *Girls.*

63. Craigroy *in Pariſh of* Edinkilly *and Presbytery of* Forreſs, David Cumine *Maſter*, 6 *Boys* 11 *Girls.*

64. Dunduff *in ſame Pariſh and Presbytery* John Calder *Maſter*, 13 *Boys* 5 *Girls.*

65 Drummoind *in ſaid Pariſh and Presbytery* John Wilſon *Maſter*, 12 *Boys* 6 *Girls.*

66 Tillidivy *in that Pariſh and Presbytery*, William Gowie *Maſter*, 13 *Boys* 11 *Girls.*

67 Darnway *in Pariſh of* Dyke *and ſaid Presbytery* John Alves *Maſter* 25 *Boys* 10 *Girls.*

68 Earls-ſeat *in Pariſh of* Auldearn *and foreſaid Preſbytery*, Walter Forbes *Maſter* 19 *Boys* 4 *Girls.*

69 Mr. Raining's *School in the Town and Presbytery of* Inverneſs Mr. Alexander Moncrieff *Maſter*, 98 *Boys* 45 *Girls.*

70 Bellnagordanach *in Pariſh of* Moy *and* Dallaraſſie *and Presbytery of* Inverneſs, Donald M'Queen *Maſter*, 9 *Boys* 13 *Girls.*

71 Corribroughbeg *in ſaid Pariſh and Presbytery* James Rhind *Maſter*, 15 *Boys* 3 *Girls.*

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72 Culmulin *in Pariſh of* Kiltarlaty *and foreſaid Presbytery*, Alexander Downey *Maſter* 33 *Scholars.*

73 Eskidale, *in ſaid Pariſh*, Arthur Tauſe *Maſter*, 35 *Boys* 11 *Girls.*

74 Drynachan *in Pariſhes of* Moy, Calder *and* Ardclath, *ſaid Presbytery*, Hugh Roſs *Maſter Scholars.*

75 Kilmorack *a Pariſh in the Presbytery of* Dingwal, *Mr.* John Robertſon *Maſter*, 38 *Boys* 10 *Girls.*

76 Agais *in ſaid Pariſh* William Fraſer *Maſter*, 14 *Boys* 8 *Girls.*

77 Crochel *in* Straglaſs *in foreſaid Parish*, John Paip *Maſter* 11 *Boys* 5 *Girls.*

78 Inverſhin *in the Parish of* Creich *and Presbytery of* Dornoch, David Roſs *Maſter* 13 *Boys* 4 *Girls.*

79 Gruid *in Parish of* Larg *and ſame Presbytery* John M'Kay *Maſter*, 24 *Boys* 7 *Girls.*

80 Kilfederbeg *in Parish of* Clyne *and foreſaid Preſbytery*, Francis Wright *Maſter*, 48 *Boys* 15 *Girls.*

81 Knockbreck *in Pariſh* Duirneſs *and Presbytery of* Tongue, John M'Donald *Maſter*, 25 *Boys* 10 *Girls.*

82 Ledabeg *in Pariſh of* Aſint *and forſaid Presbytery Mr.* William Gordon *Maſter* 16 *Boys* 11 *Girls.*

83 Stroma *in Pariſh of* Cannasbee *and Presbytery of* Caithneſs, George Gibſon *Maſter* 25 *Boys* 15 *Girls.*

84 Kieſs *in Pariſh of* Wick *and ſaid Presbytery*, Donald Calder *Maſter*, *Scholars* 34.

85 Thrumſter *in that Pariſh*, David Sutherland *Maſter*. *Scholars* 36.

86 Newton *in ſame Pariſh*, William Dunnet *Maſter Scholars* 30.

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87 Clardon *in Pariſh of* Thurſo *and foreſaid Presbytery* John Tulloch *Maſter* 32 *Boys* 12 *Girls.*

88 Græmſay *in Pariſh of* Hoy *and* Græmſay *in Preſbytery of* Cairſtoun, William Flet *Maſter*, 14 *Boys* 14 *Girls.*

89 Konſger *in the Pariſh of* Sandwick *and ſaid Preſbytery*, Benjamin Brown *Maſter*, 50 *Boys* 41 *Girls.*

90 Harray *in Pariſh of* Birſay *and* Harray *and ſame Presbytery*, James Loutit *Maſter*, 41 *Boys* 37 *Girls.*

91 Firth *in the Pariſh of* Firth *and* Stenhouſe *in ſaid Presbytery*, George Loutit *Maſter*, 50 *Boys* 48 *Girls.*

92 Stenhouſe *in ſaid Pariſh*, William Smith *Maſter*, 57 *Boys* 42 *Girls.*

93 Orphir *in ſaid Pariſh and Presbytery*, Elward Wilſon *Maſter*, 23 *Boys* 15 *Girls.*

94 Evie *a Pariſh in Presbytery of* Kirkwall, Robert Brown *Maſter* 27 *Boys* 32 *Girls.*

95 Coſtay *in ſaid Pariſh*, Henry Flet *Maſter*, 16 *Boys* 14 *Girls.*

96 Little Crofty *in Pariſh of* Dearneſs *and* St. Andrews, *ſaid Presbytery*, Thomas Purſe *Maſter*, 31 *Boys* 26 *Girls.*

97 Calfsound *in the Pariſh of* Stronſay *and* Edday *and Presbytery of* North Iſles, George Charles *Maſter*, 27 *Boys* 10 *Girls.*

98 Weſtray *a Pariſh in ſame Presbytery*, George Spence *Maſter*, 17 *Boys* 5 *Girls.*

99 Scatneſs *in Pariſh of* Dunroſneſs *and Presbytery of* Zetland, Francis Beaty *Maſter*, 50 *Boys* 22 *Girls.*

100 Sandwick *in ditto Pariſh*, Andrew Balfour *Maſter*, 26 *Boys* 26 *Girls.*

101 Fair Iſle *in ſame Pariſh* 31 *Boy* 28 *Gilrs.*

102 Foulla, 103 Skerries, 104 Neſting } *In the ſame Presbytery, Schools are allowed, but Maſters not as yet named.*

105 Halfmortoun *in Pariſh of* Langholm *and Preſbytery of* Middlebee, William Grahame *Maſter*, 15 *Boys* 16 *Girls.*

So the number of ſchools at preſent are 105 at which there are 3024 Boys, 1102 Girls, in all 4126 Some viſitors being deficient or late in ſending reports, it is preſumed there are many moe ſcholars than the above number, and becauſe the Society are not in caſe to anſwer all who are demanding ſchools, they are neceſſitate to remove ſome of their ſchool-maſters after they have been two or three Years in one place, to another Corner, and even often to make ſalaries ſmaller than they incline; and were it not for the aſſiſtance the Society have, out of the royal bounty, to ſome of the ſchool-maſters for catechiſing the people who live near the ſchools, the ſchools would not have been ſo numerous.

The Society is moſt deſirous to give every one opportunity to exert themſelves in this matter, either by contributing their money or giving cloaths, victuals, books or other things needful, and they are willing to receive and conſider any overture which may be offered to them for further or better carrying on the deſign, or rectifying any abuſes complained of, and ſeeing they cannot themſelves viſit their ſchools, gentlemen, miniſters, elders and others living near thereto, are named as correſpondents for enquiring into the carriage of the maſters, their diligence, faithfulneſs and ſucceſs, and to report to the Society. The number of theſe correſpondents are very great, and needleſs to be inſert here, and would take up too much room, but the form of their commiſſion

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is printed at full length in the foreſaid ſtate *anno* 1729, which contains particular directions to theſe viſiters. And the Society judge, they may depend upon the reports of heretors, gentlemen, miniſters and elders of the countries, where the ſchools are ſettled, and 'tis from their ſigned reports and letters, that the ſociety have ſure and ſatisfying information of the number and progreſs of ſcholars at each ſchool, and conform thereto they cauſe a liſt of the ſaid ſchools and ſcholars to be annually publiſhed, and diverſe of theſe ſchools being ſettled in remote iſlands or corners, where miniſters have two, three or more churches, at which they preach by turns, and in ſome of them, but once, twice, thrice, four, five, or ſix times in the year at moſt: The Society takes ſpecial care, that their ſchool-maſters ſent to ſuch places, be duly qualified, and at the miniſter's direction, do in his abſence conveen their ſcholars in the church, or moſt centrical place, on the Lord's day forenoon, and pray and ſing pſalms with them, and read the holy ſcriptures, and in the afternoon make the ſcholars repeat the catechiſm publickly, and catechiſe them and ſuch other perſons as will ſubmit thereto; and moſt of the people near to theſe places do attend theſe exerciſes and join therein, and becauſe there was a ſcarcity of fit perſons having the *Iriſh* language, who would accept of being ſchool maſters and catechiſts, the ſociety upon ſufficient certificates after tryal, do grant an allowance of money and cloaths, to ſome hopeful youths having *Iriſh*, who are not in caſe to maintain themſelves, and who will engage to ſerve as ſchool-maſters in the *Highlands* and *Iſlands* when found qualified: And diverſe of theſe bred at the

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ſaid ſchools, are now teaching others, both in publick ſchools and private families; all the ſchool-maſters by their commiſſions and inſtructions are required to catechiſe the people near to their ſchools as they can have opportunity on the Lord's day, and by the bleſſing of God on the endeavours and labours of miniſters, catechiſts and ſchool-maſters, people in many of theſe places are not only increaſing in Knowledge as to the principles of the holy Chriſtian Religion, but care is taken to have them brought up in abhorrence of vice and in love with piety and virtue.

In pariſhes where formerly few or none could read, there are now 300, ſome places, 4, 5, or 600 perſons who can read. And where the holy ſacrament of the Lord's ſupper had not been adminiſtred ſince the reformation, ſo far as can be learned, the ſame has of late been celebrated to the great ſatisfaction of miniſters and others; many inſtances of this could be given. The Society met with great diſcouragements at their firſt attempts. Eſpecially in the heart of the *Highlands*, and remote corners or Iſlands, where heritors were *Papiſts*, or diſaffected to the eſtabliſhed government, and the poor people had then no taſte of the benefit of learning, ſo that when ſchools were ſettled among them, few or none could be got to attend the ſame unleſs the ſociety would maintain them, yea it has happened that when tenants ventured to ſend children to ſchool, ſuch tenants were ordered to remove, but in moſt places it is otherwiſe, eſpecially in the borders of the *Highlands*, and in ſome *Iſlands*, Schools meet with better encouragement, and not only Chriſtian Knowledge and virtue is increaſing, but the *Engliſh*

liſh language is ſpreading, ſo that where the miniſters uſed to preach only in *Iriſh*, they preach now in *Engliſh*, at leaſt one diet on the Lord's day, and in and near ſuch places, there is an earneſt deſire after knowledge, that in ſome places, ſervants leave their ſervice for a time to attend theſe ſchools, yea even married perſons come to ſchool, or come at night to the ſchoolmaſters, or their ſcholars, privately to learn reading. Upon hearing of this ſociety, the poor inhabitants in very remote iſlands have collected for it, yea even above their ability, and have ſent in their contributions, with petitions to the ſociety, craving ſchools; and in divers places the inhabitants have of themſelves employed ſome of the ſociety's ſcholars, to take up ſchools, but ſeveral of theſe have in a ſhort time found themſelves not able to maintain them, which has encouraged members of the ſociety to collect for having ſuch ſchools continued, till the funds of the ſociety ſhall allow of ſettled ſalaries.

Several places could be condeſcended on, where the inhabitants were idolatrous, ſuperſtitious and ignorant, living without the knowledge of God, knew not ſo much as the creed or ten commandments. but given to charms, only uſing the Lord's name in ſpells and diabolical practices, where ſince the ſociety's ſchools were ſettled among them, the people have been brought to know the principles of religion, and to make good advances in the ways of godlineſs, and the children are inſtructing their poor ignorant aged parents, and children of popiſh parents are taught the principles of the proteſtant religion, and ſome of them come to church. And

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divers popiſh parents have for love of literature allowed their young ones to be taught at the ſociety's ſchools, by means of which ſome have become fixed proteſtants, and the ſociety have appointed their ſchoolmaſters to admit all who come to them, and to take all gaining ways, which has had good effects upon ſome; tho' it be true that many who have been at theſe ſchools have by the influence of their prieſts and parents continued in their error. Yet it is the Society's opinion that none ſhould be refuſed this benefit, which ſeems to be the moſt effectual way of gaining them, and care is taken to put proper books in their hands, when learned to read.

No *latin* is allowed to be taught at the ſociety's ſchools, the chief deſign thereof being to learn the poor to read *Engliſh*, and to teach them the principles of religion, and to ſing pſalms, and ſome who incline thereto are taught writing and the common rules of arithmetick. And there are propoſals under conſideration for employing theſe ſcholars in manufactory or ſome other proper and uſeful labour, by all which means it is evident, of how great uſe this deſign is likely to prove, not only for advancing chriſtianity, but for promoting the civilizing the inhabitants of the *Highlands* and *Iſlands*, and makeing them more wealthy and happy, alſo more uſeful to his majeſty, and to their country in general.

The Society's management is not in a corner, nor kept a ſecret, the perſons entruſted are known, their names publiſhed, there is no diſtinction of parties among them, they all ſerve *gratis*, except three ſervants, and have the Royal authority, and good Rules laid down for their management, they keep regular records of their procedure, both of

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their general meetings and committee of directors, alſo a book of donations alphabetically ſet down, a cath book, a ledger, an inventary of the writs, likewiſe other books, and do yearly adjuſt all their accompts; and great care is uſed to encreaſe and preſerve their ſtock, and now the greateſt part thereof is upon heretable ſecurity; and for the ſatisfaction of all concerned, their books, regiſters and accompts and reports of correſpondents are patent to any who pleaſe to come to the Society's hall in *Warriſtoun*'s cloſe in *Edinburgh* betwixt 9 and 12 in the forenoon, and 2 and 4 in the afternoon any lawful day, where they will be attended by the ſociety's clerk and ſervants.

Members of this Society have had this work very much at heart, as a matter of the greateſt moment; and being grieved for the infidelity of this age, as they did very often addreſs the general aſſembly of this church, and fairly repreſented the ſtate of their affairs, ſo particularly in the 1729, ſhewing how much the promoters of this excellent deſign did need direction and encouragement from the word of God, and alſo the prayers and concurrence of the Lord's people therein, and craved that a ſermon might be yearly preached before the Society for confirming people in the truth of the holy chriſtian religion and the excellencie thereof, and in the faith of the great promiſes made for ſpreading the Knowledge of Chriſt; which petition the general aſſembly did grant, and the Rev. Mr. *John Matthiſon* at the Society's deſire preached before them in *January* 1730, Mr. *Robert Kinloch anno* 1731 and Mr. *William Hamilton* profeſſor of divinity in *January* laſt, whoſe learned ſermons are all printed at the Society's deſire, and

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'tis hoped may very much anſwer the deſign thereof, and may be had at the bookſellers ſhops in *Edinburgh*.

And the ſociety finding 18th *March* 1731, that ſome viſitors had not exactly obſerved the directions given them, and others ſent no reports, did recommend to correſpondents ſtrictly to conform themſelves to the Society's rules, certifying that unleſs a regular report from each ſchool in terms of the directions given, be ſent up yearly on or before the firſt of *March*, the payment of the ſchoolmaſter's ſalary will be ſtopt, and no ſchoolmaſter is allowed to ſerve by ſubſtitutes. And as the Society are careful of their ſtock, ſo alſo that the books beſtowed on the ſchools be not embezzled, for the maſter is obliged to make up an inventary or catalogue of ſuch as he receives, and the ſame is to be ſigned by the miniſter and him, and he is comptable for the books therein yearly, and at his removal muſt leave what is in his hand, and before payment of the laſt moiety of his ſalary, is to produce a certificate thereof to the treaſurer.

It being found that many were deſirous, that now when the work of reformation of the *High lands* and *Iſlands* is begun and ſo far advanced, and yearly augmentations made to their ſtock, and that a ſociety is ſettled in *Ireland* much upon the ſame footing and deſign with that in *Scotland* an eſſay ſhould be made towards propagating the Knowledge of Chriſtianity in infidel parts of the world, and being encouraged thereto by a liberal donation of the late reverend and pious Dr. *Daniel Williams* miniſter of the goſpel at *London*, to the value of L. 56 *Ster.* yearly, ſecured upon

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land, alſo finding that a charitable Lady Mrs. *Sarah Bowerman* in *England*, had left to the Society *L.* 1000; likewiſe diverſe other piouſly diſpoſed perſons there had contributed liberally to the Society's fund, whoſe names ſtand in the book of donations; This Society reſolved, according to the powers granted to them by the royal letters patent, to ſet about employing miniſters and ſchool-maſters in infidel parts of the world, and in order thereunto have ſettled a correſpondence in *New-England* in *America*, judging it the moſt proper place for them to make the firſt tryal, and accordingly granted a commiſſion to correſpondents, and a commiſſion and inſtructions to miſſionaries in *New England* in *America*.

His excellency *Jonathan Belcher* Governour of *New-England*, has been pleaſed by his letter to the Society *in January* 173$\frac{0}{7}$ to ſhew, "That he had "received the above commiſſion, and accepted "of being a correſpondent member, and that he "gives praiſe and glory to God, who inſpired the "firſt founders of this excellent charity to the "ſouls of men; and as the king had made him the "head and father of that part of his dominions, "he does return the ſociety thanks in behalf of "the poor natives of that country, and that he "was deſired to acquaint the Society that they "may depend upon the united endeavours of the "foreſaid correſpondent members, to do all the "good ſervice they can in this pious and generous "undertaking, for enlightning that part of mankind in the ſaving truths of the glorious goſpel of our bleſſed Saviour, who are in danger of "periſhing for lake of viſion." Theſe are a few Excerpts of that honourable gentleman's pious expreſ-

expreſſions contained in his chriſtian letter: And ſince writing thereof, the Society have had a Letter, dated at *Boſton* in *New-England*, 26 *November* 1731, bearing, " That upon the 8th of that " Month, there was a meeting of the commiſſio- " ners correſpondents in that place, and that they " had agreed to look out for three ſuitable Per- " ſons for miſſionaries to inſtruct the native *Indi- " ans* in *New England* in Chriſtian Knowledge, and " that one is ready to engage in this good work, " who is well qualifyed for it, and that they had " a fair proſpect of obtaining another, and the " third they will procure as ſoon as poſſibly " they can, and that an advance of money will " be neceſſary upon their ſetting out, for their " ſupport and encouragement, and muſt draw for " one half of their yearly ſalary. That his ex- " cellency the governor deſigns to move the gene- " ral court of that province to do ſomewhat that " may further this good deſign". This letter is ſubſcribed in name of the foreſaid meeting of correſpondents by their ſecretary, which gives ground to hope, that what is now begun ſhall be further carried on, and that many charitable chriſtians will contribute to promote the Knowledge of Chriſt among the native *Americans*, tho' they did ſomething formerly towards ſchools in the *Highlands* and *Iſlands*, and that others who have done nothing that way, will yet do it.

A Book lately printed, named, *Magnalia Chriſti Americana*, which is to be had in bookſellers ſhops, gives good ground to hope for ſucceſs in this eſſay.

The General Meeting being inform'd, that ſome charitable perſons finding the Society ſtraitned in carrying

carrying on this good work, by their being reſtricted from meddling with their capital ſtock, do incline rather to give in leſſer ſums, to be laid out yearly towards promoting the Society's deſign, hoping to ſee ſome good effects thereof in their own time, than give large ſums to the ſtock. The ſociety have reſolved ſtrictly to preſerve to their ſtock all ſums given thereto, yet at the ſame time have agreed, according to the example of Societies of this nature in *England*, to accept of annual contributions or ſubſcriptions for annual payments, to be either wholly given out or added to their capital fund, as the donors ſhall think fit to determine.

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